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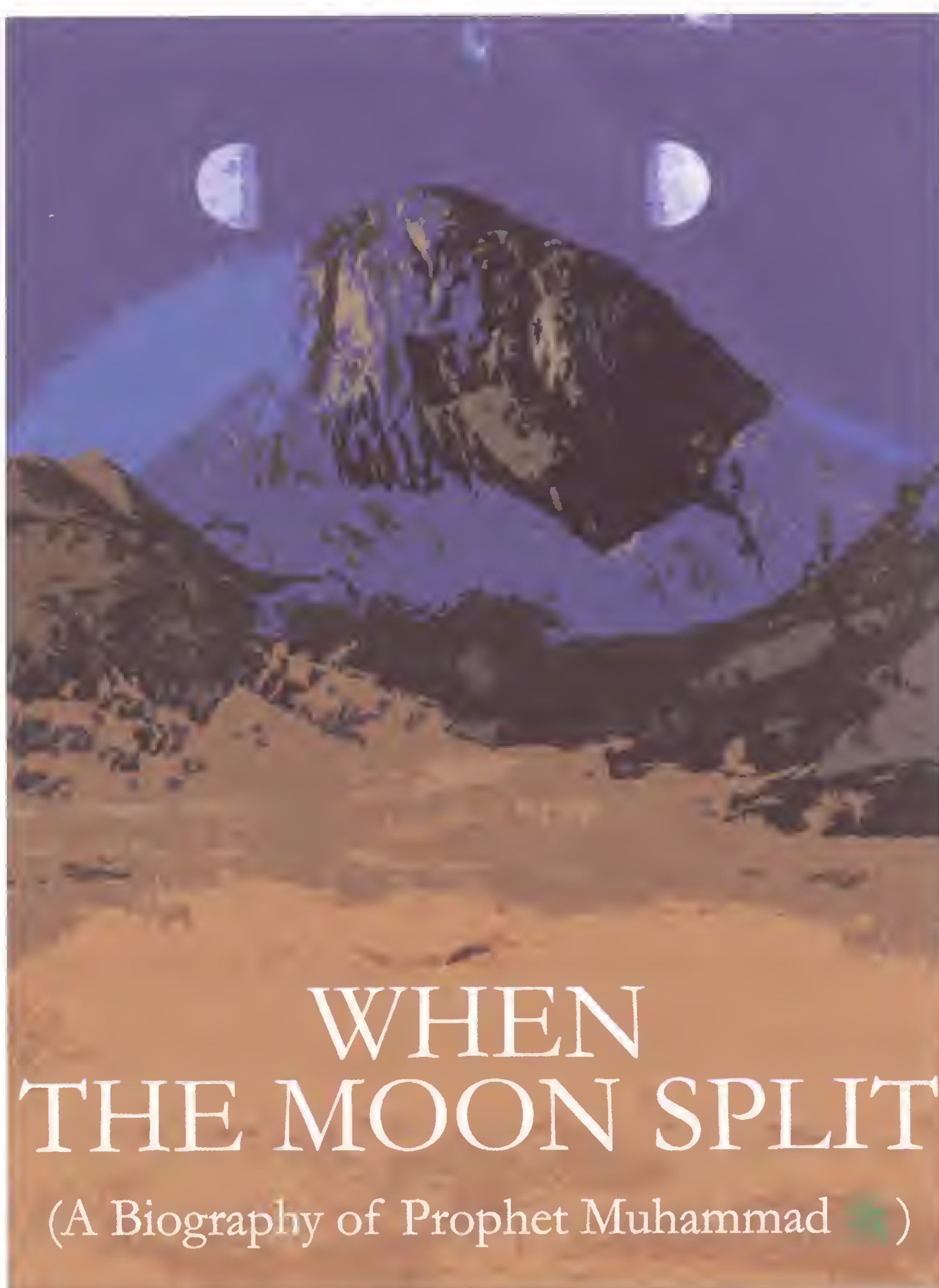
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Allâh the All-Mighty says:

“Verily, there has come unto you a Messenger (Muhammad ﷺ) from amongst yourselves (i.e. whom you know well). It grieves him that you should receive any injury or difficulty.

He (Muhammad ﷺ) is anxious over you (to be rightly guided, to repent to Allâh, and beg Him to pardon and forgive your sins in order that you may enter Paradise and be saved from the punishment of the Hell-fire); for the believers (he ﷺ is) full of pity, kind, and merciful.” (V9:128)

“Indeed in the Messenger of Allâh (Muhammad ﷺ) you have a good example to follow for him who hopes for (the meeting with) Allâh and the Last Day, and remembers Allâh much.” (V.33:21)



Allâh's Messenger ﷺ said

Narrated 'Abdullâh bin Hishâm رضي الله عنه and he was holding the hand of 'Umar bin Al-Khattâb رضي الله عنه. 'Umar said to him, "O Allâh's Messenger! You are dearer to me than everything except my ownself." The Prophet ﷺ said, "No, by Him in Whose Hand my soul is, (you will not have complete Faith) till I am dearer to you than your ownself." Then 'Umar said to him, "However, now by Allâh.

"By Allâh, whenever Allâh's Messenger ﷺ spitted, the spittle would fall in the hand of one of them (i.e., the Prophet's Companions) who would rub it on his face and skin; if he ordered them they would carry his orders immediately; if he performed ablution, they would struggle to take the remaining water; and when they spoke to him, they would lower their voices and would not look at his face constantly out of respect." (Bukhari)

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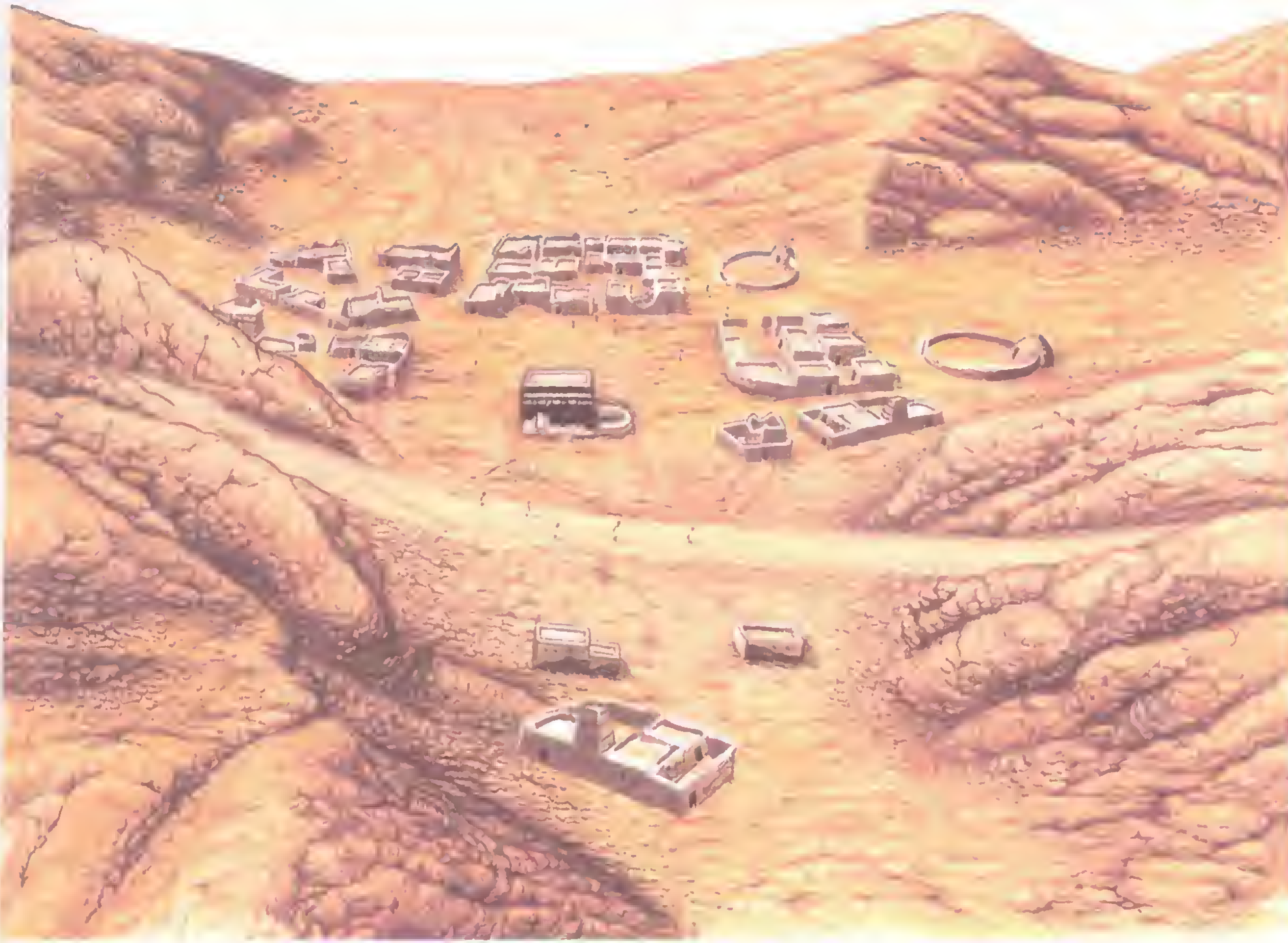
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Early Life of Rasulullah ﷺ



The Prophet Muhammad's Ancestors

Lineage being an important consideration in Arab society, the Prophet's family tree was well-documented. He was born into a family that traced its ancestry back to the Prophet Ibraheem (Abraham) through Isma'eel (Ishmael).

The Prophet's lineage is as follows: Muhammad bin Abdullah bin Abdul Muttalib bin Hashim bin Abdu Munaf bin Qusayy bin Kilab bin Murrah bin Ka'b bin Luayy bin Ghalib bin Fihr bin Malik bin Nadir bin Kinana bin Khuzaymah bin Mudrika bin Ilyas bin Mudhr bin Nizar bin Ma'd bin Adnan.

While all scholars agree that Adnan was the descendant of Isma'eel عليه السلام, there is much dispute about the number of generations between the two and the names of each descendant.

The Prophet's mother was Amina, the daughter of Wahb bin Abdu Munaf bin Zuhra bin Kilab. *Kilab* also appears as a paternal ancestor of the Prophet. It is said that his real name was Urwa or Hakim, but he was known as *Kilab* because of his passion for hunting with dogs (called "*Kilab*" in Arabic).

Abdullah was married to Amina, the daughter of Wahb. Wahb was a chief of Banu Zahra. Shortly after the marriage, Amina became pregnant, but before she could give birth to their child, Abdullah was sent by his father to Yathrib or Syria on business. Tragically, he passed away in Yathrib on the return journey and was buried in the house of Nabgha Dhabyani.

Muhammad ﷺ is born

Muhammad ﷺ was born in She'eb Banu Hashim in Makkah. It was a Monday morning in spring, the ninth day of Rabi' Al-Awwal (according to some sources it was the twelfth of Rabi' Al-Awwal), fifty to fifty-five days after Abraha's failed attack on the *Ka'bah*. In Arabic, the word for elephant is "*Feel*," and hence the year came to be known as '*Amm Al-Feel* (the Year of the Elephant). In the Gregorian calendar, the date corresponds to April 22, 571 C.E.

While Amina was pregnant, she had a dream that a light was emitted from her lower body that illuminated the palaces of Syria. When she went into labor, Shifa bint Amr, the mother of Abdul Rahman bin Auf, served as midwife. Abdul Muttalib received the news of his grandson's birth with joy. He took the newborn to the *Ka'bah* and invoked Allâh's blessings and gave thanks.

Believing his grandson would grow up to be highly praised, Abdul Muttalib named him Muhammad, which means "he who is praised." In keeping with Arab tradition, he then shaved the baby's head and circumcised him on the seventh day. Afterwards, he invited his fellow-Makkans to a feast.

Muhammad ﷺ was first nursed by his mother, and then by Umm Ayman, his father's slave. An Abyssinian whose real name was Barakah, she embraced Islam and migrated to Madinah, where she died six months after the Prophet's death.

Foster Brothers

Thuwaybah, the slave of Muhammad's uncle Abu Lahab, also nursed the infant. At that time, Thuwaybah was also nursing her own child,

Questions



1. What was the lineage of the Prophet ﷺ (5 generations)?
2. What was his mother's name and 3 of her ancestors in order?
3. What was the name of the tribe of the Prophet ﷺ?
4. Who built Dar Al-Nadwah and what was it used for?
5. Who arranged the trade trips for the Quraish and when and where did they go?
6. Who was the son of Hashim and how did he receive his nickname?
7. What did Abdul Muttalib have the honor of discovering?
8. What did he make a vow to do if he discovered it?
9. What did he do instead of fulfilling the vow?
10. Who tried to conquer the Ka'bah and why and with how many men?
11. How was this army defeated?
12. Why was the Prophet ﷺ sometimes called "the descendant of the 2 elders held for ransom"?
13. Who cared for Rasulullah ﷺ after he was born and for how long?
14. What event happened when he was 4 years old?
15. How did his mother die?
16. Give an example of special attention that his grandfather gave him.
17. What warning was given to his uncle during a trip to Syria?